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SUBJECT: Army Business Initiative Council

This memorandum expires in 1 year.

1. The Department of the Army established the Army Business Initiative Council (ABIC) to support Department of Defense transformation efforts. The continuing mission of the ABIC is to "improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Army's business operations by identifying, evaluating, and implementing business initiatives that streamline Department of the Army business operations and create savings."
2. The Secretary of the Army has approved 133 initiatives for implementation since the program began, which represent more than \$3 billion in quantifiable monetary benefits. The continued success of this program depends on the participation of major Army commands. In USAREUR, we have an obligation as good stewards of our resources to work efficiently and recommend ways to improve Army business practices. Some improvements may be made at the USAREUR level through coordination with the appropriate agencies or by changing local policy. Many innovative ideas, however, can be applied Army-wide to improve the way we do business. The ABIC provides a way for us to do this. It also enables us to identify and pursue initiatives that require higher-level visibility and support.
3. HQ USAREUR/7A staff offices and USAREUR major subordinate commands are strongly encouraged to support the ABIC by sending recommendations for new initiatives to the USAREUR G8. Recommendations should be submitted during ABIC cycles, which are scheduled quarterly. The USAREUR G8 POC will inform the staff when submissions should be made. Initiatives should recommend changes to policy when the change would improve quality of life, reduce costs, encourage collaboration, improve customer service, or increase flexibility.
4. To support Army transformation and better business practices, commanders will work with appropriate HQ USAREUR/7A staff offices to submit recommendations to the ABIC. Specific guidance on how to prepare and submit ABIC recommendations is available on the USAREUR G8 Web site at <http://www.odcsrm.hqusareur.army.mil/rmmp/BIC/BIC.htm>.

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